Dear fellow alumni and friends,

Greetings from the Steering Committee! May the New Year bring you good health and happiness always!

This is our first attempt at sending you a newsletter. We hope you can bear with us if you do not find the contents interesting. We aim to improve as time progresses. To help us achieve this, we need your help. Your comments, suggestions and contributions of news/articles would be most welcome.

The following are details on how to contact us:

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           East Brunswick,
           New Jersey 08816-5300

Looking forward to hearing from you.

With warm regards,

Steering Committee
For HKPU (Eastern USA) Association

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Introduction of Steering Committee members and their work so far

There are altogether 12 alumni in the Steering Committee. They are (in alphabetical order):

Chan, Sze-Sze Cissy – 1999 graduate in Hotel and Tourism Management
Chan, Wing-Yee Alice (Convenor) – 1977 graduate in Accountancy
Cheung, Choi-Kam Christine – 1984 graduate in Business Studies
Fung, Wing-Hon – 1986 graduate in Civil and Structural Engineering
Kan, Man-Chung David – 1971 graduate in Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Lai, Michael – 1984 graduate in Accountancy
Li, Hok-Hoi Howard – 1975 graduate of Institute of Textile and Clothing
Tang, M Simon – 1993 graduate in Applied Mathematics
Wang, Angela – 1987 graduate in Health Sciences
Wong, Pui-Lam Phoebe – 2002 graduate of Institute of Textile and Clothing
Yu, Min-Zhong – 1998 graduate in Optometry and Radiography
Yuen, Kam-Pang Kari (Deputy Convenor) – 1982 graduate in Marine and Mechanical Engineering

The Committee first met on August 10, 2003. Since then, 3 more meetings had been held. A first alumni function was held on November 8, 2003 to coincide with the visit of the President of the University, Professor Poon Chung-Kwong, who hosted that function to demonstrate his support of the alumni group. During these six months since the first meeting, the Steering Committee had also placed advertisements in newspapers to search for more alumni and former staff in the US East region and been in contact with the other overseas alumni associations/groups of the University in Australia, Western and Eastern Canada, and Northern and Southern California. In addition, close contact with the University’s alumni office has been maintained to, inter alia, ascertain the benefits (see below) provided by the University to its overseas alumni.

On December 17, 2003, Alice Chan and Kari Yuen attended a cocktail hosted by the Hong Kong Trade Office in New York, in their capacity of alumni of the University, and met various people with links to Hong Kong, including the representatives of the alumni associations of other universities in Hong Kong. It is hoped that some of the contacts will prove helpful in the development of the University’s own alumni network and activities in the region.

Besides the above, the Steering Committee is in the process of constructing the alumni group’s own webpage. A notification will be sent to you once the construction is complete.

It is hoped that with your support, the Eastern USA alumni group can become a useful network for you, its members, providing help where necessary, and making the University more well-known, which in turn would enhance the career opportunities of the alumni in the US.
Next Function – Spring Dinner March 20, 2004

From a survey conducted in August 2003, it seems that our alumni members favor the idea of having a spring dinner. With this in mind, a spring dinner will be held as follows:

Date: March 20, 2004 (Saturday)
Time: 6pm
Venue: Chinese restaurant in Holiday Inn, Chinatown, 138 Lafayette St, New York City 10013 (tel: 212 966 8898)
Price: $25 per adult/child of 12 and over; $15 per child of 6-11; free for child under 6

We should be grateful if you could complete and return the form at the last page of this newsletter on or before March 6, 2004 together with your check made payable to Wing Yee Alice Chan so that we can confirm the final numbers to the restaurant.

[Note: As the alumni group is not yet a formally registered organization, its bank account is currently opened in the name of its Convenor, Wing Yee Alice Chan.]

Benefits Available to Overseas Alumni

Currently, the University is basically only providing certain special benefits to members of its overseas alumni associations. The Steering Committee has obtained the agreement of the University’s alumni office that you can enjoy the same benefits if the application for such is sent in through the Committee, pending formal registration of the group as a non profit organization.

The benefits available to you through the Steering Committee are as follows (the stay in Hong Kong is for a specified period of not more than 4 weeks):

1. Use of guest rooms in the University’s student hostel or former staff residence, both of which are within 5 to 10 minutes walking distance from the University, at special low rates –

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| single room  |  HK$200  |  N/A  

2. Library and sports facilities

A temporary pass is available for accessing the library facilities but there will be no borrowing privileges. As for sports facilities, a permit may be applied to allow you to use the facilities at a small charge.

3. Dining facilities at 14th and 15th floors of Li Ka Shing Tower

The 2 floors house a Chinese restaurant, Four Seas, and a western restaurant, The High Table. You can use either restaurants for dining as well as make exclusive bookings for special events.

Please contact us (see page 1) if you wish to avail yourself of the abovementioned benefits.

Recent Achievements of the University

The University has gained much recognition at both the domestic and international level.
1. Its School of Hotel and Tourism was honored with the “2003 ISTTE Institutional Award” by the prestigious International Society of Travel and Tourism Educators.
2. The University’s researchers won a Special Gold Award, two Gold Medals and a Silver Medal at the 14th National Inventions Exhibition of China, competing with over 1,000 projects submitted by 36 provinces and cities of China.
3. At a recent International Facility Management Association (IFMA)’s World Workplace Conference held in Texas, the University was named one of the six international institutions (and the only one in Asia) to be offering a Master’s Degree programme in Facility Management that is recognized by IFMA. Cornell University was among the other five.
4. A unique test developed by a professor in the School of Nursing has been employed by scientists worldwide for probing into the antioxidant and potentially anti-aging ingredients of different foods. For example, European scientists were using the test for comparing the amount of antioxidants absorbed from milk chocolate and dark chocolate.
5. A PhD student and professors of the Institute of Textile and Clothing won a Silver Award and Outstanding Award for product design and a Bronze Award for thesis at the First China International Home Textile Design Competition and a Special Citation in the third Cheongju International Craft Competition held in South Korea.
Visit of Professor Poon Chung-Kwong

Professor Poon visited New York and New Jersey during the first week of November 2003 and hosted a dinner for alumni members on November 8, 2003. A total of 10 alumni attended the dinner.

The event attracted reporters from 3 Chinese newspapers, Ming Pao, Sing Tao and World Journal, who interviewed Professor Poon and several of the Steering Committee members. Reports of the event appeared in all three newspapers on November 9, 2003.

During the event, Professor Poon gave an interesting and enlightening account of the recent developments in the University, including the use of one of the inventions of the University by the European Space Agency for their mission to Mars. He also reiterated his support of our alumni activities and offered the assistance of the University’s alumni office for such.

All alumni attending the dinner were given a letter opener and a pin from the University’s collection of souvenirs. The alumni members presented Professor Poon with a souvenir depicting the skyline of New York, with a plague with engravings commemorating the event.
TO: Alice Chan (9 Addington Court, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816-5300)

FROM:

RE: HKPU (Eastern USA) Association - Spring Dinner on March 20, 2004

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Payee name: Wing Yee Alice Chan

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Dress code: Casual